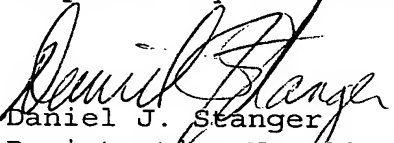


REMARKS

The Applicants intend to replace claim 1 with new claims. Claim 1 has been retained to obtain a filing date. The Applicants' representative requests a telephone call from the Examiner if the application comes up for examination before the Examiner has received the new claims.

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image input system includes a solid state image pickup device and a preprocessor for performing correlated double sampling amplification on an output of the image pickup device and outputting a video signal. The preprocessor has a correlated double sampling amplifier for outputting signal information corresponding to a difference voltage between the black level in a feedthrough period of the image pickup device and a signal level in a charge signal output period; and an offset cancelling circuit for cancelling an offset voltage corresponding to the difference voltage in a state where the image pickup device is optically interrupted to the input terminal of the correlated double sampling amplifier. The correlated double sampling amplifier cancels out the offset voltage and the offset cancelling voltage as signal components of polarities opposite to each other, so that circuits following the correlated double sampling amplifier are not influenced by the offset voltage.